

can we expect any help if this man is elected to the White House?

THE OLD GUARD—AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on that bright sunny day in September 2001, when America was attacked, there were many heroic responses.

Next to the Pentagon is Arlington National Cemetery, where America buries its war dead. In sight of the Pentagon is the Tomb of the Unknown.

This tribute to our warriors has been guarded continuously, 24 hours a day since 1930, by the oldest active duty infantry unit in the Army, the 3rd U.S. Infantry, known as the Old Guard.

These soldiers that guarded the tomb on 9/11 already knew about the suicide attacks against America in New York. And when that third plane roared low and fast near Arlington Cemetery and crashed into the Pentagon killing 189 people, these remarkable soldiers did not seek cover or safety before or after the assault on the Pentagon. They continued to do their duty, and stayed on vigilant guard at their post, not forsaking their dedication to the Tomb of the Unknown or to America. In fact, after the news of the New York attack, the Old Guard brought in reinforcements to protect and guard the tomb.

Amazing soldiers, these people of the Old Guard that never leave their post. And that's just the way it is.

DIRECTION OF OUR COUNTRY

(Mr. KAGEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, on this date, September 11, 2001, we were attacked. But that was not the end of the American story. The American story is still unfolding, as it has in my home area in Kimberly, Wisconsin, with the closing of the Kimberly Paper Mill.

One of the workers there is Randy Gossens. With his wife, Vicky, he has worked at that mill for 32 years, and he says, "With the closing of the Kimberly mill, we will not be able to help out with our daughter's education the way we did with our son. My wife and I are very proud of the fact that our son graduated from college and that we were able to help him financially with his chosen career. With the mill closing and our future income so unsure, we will not be able to do the same with our daughter."

What kind of Nation are we when we turn our back on our own American workers, when we have trade deals that are unfair and unbalanced? On this very special day, we need to look back and think back, but at the same time we have to take a positive step forward and change the direction of this country and the direction of our trade deals as well.

HONORING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today we remember the 3,000 Americans murdered 7 years ago. While we pause and reflect, we are reminded of the incredible heroism of that day, the selfless commitment of so many, helping their neighbor, coworkers, or a complete stranger. We have seen that character, courage, and commitment every day since in those who have stood to protect our Nation at home and abroad. We remember Todd Beamer. Six major plots have been stopped in New York City alone.

To our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, and all our military families, we owe you a debt of gratitude. To our first responders and intelligence officials, your service reminds us that there are many roles to play in protecting American families, and defeating terrorists overseas.

I am grateful to know that so many Americans are willing to stand on the front lines in defense of liberty. We must never forget their sacrifice and never fail to honor them.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, 7 years ago, our country was attacked by those who sought to terrorize our way of life through violence and through fear. The tragedy and loss caused by these hateful acts will haunt our generation, yet the resilience of the American people will inspire many more to come.

Today, America stands strong and our democracy undeterred. This republic remains one Nation, united by democratic ideals and tolerance.

New York, home to many South Floridians where I am from, remains in the hearts and minds of all Americans. Florida, like New York, is a mosaic of traditions and cultures. Such communities can only exist when respect and understanding champion over bigotry and hate.

America is founded upon the principles of freedom, we are sustained by the rule of law, and we are defended by brave men and women at home and abroad who serve our country and protect our democracy. In remembering September 11, 2001, we must never forget the sacrifices made by Americans that came before us, and always honor those that continue to do so today.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN CUBA

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, as we commemorate the seventh anniversary of 9/11; we should know that there is a humanitarian disaster unfolding in the Caribbean, in particular, in the country of Cuba hit twice now, one by Gustav and then by Ike. The island is in dire straits, and the people there need our help. The problem is, currently the restrictions on travel and sending gift parcels are so extreme that Americans and family members of people in Cuba cannot help them.

I will be introducing legislation today to lift temporarily the restriction on gift parcels. Currently, gift parcels sent by family members to other family members in Cuba cannot even contain clothing, hygiene kits, or medical supplies, and that is simply wrong. We shouldn't have that restriction. It should be lifted, if not completely, at least temporarily.

Also, certain humanitarian licenses can be obtained now, but it takes a long time generally for that to happen. I would call on the Bush administration to expedite licensing of humanitarian groups, churches, and others who want to help the good people of Cuba.

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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, quite a few speakers today have spoken about 9/11, and we'll have services at the Pentagon and the Capitol memorializing that day. It is the Pearl Harbor, the December 7, of our generation; and it's a day when partisan politics shouldn't take place and, hopefully, won't today in this Chamber or anywhere else.

We're all Americans. We're not red Americans or blue Americans, Democrats or Republicans, but Americans. And I think we need to think about the victims. We need to think about the first responders, the police people and the fire people who gave their lives and rushed into those buildings, the emergency personnel and the sheriffs' deputies who protect us every day. And we need to think about the first counterterrorists, the passengers on Flight 93, that took control of that flight that was otherwise destined for either this great historic United States Capitol or the White House and would have caused death or injuries to people such as you and me, Madam Speaker, who are in this House today and would have been here in 2001. We need to thank the counterterrorists on Flight 93. Never forget them, and never forget the victims of 9/11.

God bless America.